

Written Questions placed in ARC Box from Public during the March 31st ARC Working Meeting

1. Why is there no Plan B if there is no funding?

If accommodation funding from the Ministry of Education is not available, then the capital focus will be on the renewal and refurbishment of the existing Wyoming Public School site or the existing South Plympton Public School site. The LKDSB's capital funding received under the annual Ministry of Education grant funding can be used to improve and refresh the current student environment. Areas of primary concern in this situation would include upgrading/increasing the classroom spaces to accommodate the consolidated student population. As noted by members of the Accommodation Review Committee this process would also be assisted with an extended time line for consolidation. The same process would apply where an architect is hired to design a facility to improve the building to accommodate the spaces necessary with an agreed upon funding total.

It should be noted that any new facility space would still need to be approved by the Ministry of Education even if the LKDSB elects to use its own capital funding.

2. What if the Board does not get any funding? What is the plan then? I am personally planning on building a multimillion dollar agricultural facility and I have a plan if I don't receive the funding for a Plan B. Why do you not have a Plan B?

See the response above. The primary concern is to accommodate the student population and this would be addressed using the LKDSB capital funding.

3. Is there a public input process to respond and participate in the proposed design once the decision has been made? For instance, the JK/SK classes are at the opposite end of the building from the daycare space. This seems counter-intuitive for parents with children in these similar age groups especially if daycare options expanded.

Should funding be acquired from the Ministry of Education, the final design will be determined after several reviews by the LKDSB. Input is sought out from several areas in the board including the school principal. This would relate to the meeting of program needs and operational needs of the school. The principal will be responsible to field questions raised by their staff and from the school community and bring forward concerns and input. The Board also seeks input from partnerships. For example, in regard to the day care input would be sought from CLASS and their dialogue with the County of Lambton. In this process, the LKDSB does not consult with the public directly. Should items be brought forward from the principal there is no guarantee that design parameters requested are met but there would be an attempt to do so. Ultimately, there is budget, site condition and space constraints that have to be considered in the final design as well.

4. CLASS – when will the savings of redesigned routes be known? In time for the Final Report? Would it be reasonable to assume there would not be a significant savings potential at one site over another?

CLASS has stated that the incremental reductions will not be quantifiable until the complete routing solution is designed and that won't occur until the summer before the changes are implemented. As previously indicated, the savings is based on sharing 4 or 5 elementary bus routes in the Wyoming area for the coterminous boards as opposed to the current routes that include running 6 bus routes independently.

5. What percentage of natural light do the classrooms have to have?

The Building Code and Education Act do not have required percentage for natural light. Although not ideal, it is not against any code or mandatory regulations to have a classroom without natural daylight.

6. Why can't we look at making an ECO friendly school and using gray water systems and solar systems besides just LED lights at South Plympton?

We will make every attempt to employ Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED's) methods but the LKDSB will not make applications for certification as this adds unnecessary costs. Not all LEED's designs are cost effective. Based on past experience, the LKDSB would avoid LEED's, such as in-ground source heating systems, as they are hard to maintain and repair. Most architects are LEED's certified in design practices.

Please note that Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED's) is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. To receive LEED certification, building projects must earn points to achieve different levels of certification. Joe Ouellette who is one of the architects that presented at Working Meeting #2 is LEED's trained and has this designation.

7. Can we use a holding tank not septic system at South Plympton to cut cost?

If we were to temporarily locate to South Plympton PS it would make sense to have a holding tank and not expand the septic system. If we plan to permanently locate to South Plympton PS we would be required to replace the old septic system with a new and expanded service.